

caring friend and mentor to many, including myself.

I ask unanimous consent to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the eulogy delivered by his son, Robert Normandin on May 10, 2006.

A LIFE WELL LIVED—THE EULOGY FOR GENE NORMANDIN

Dedication, determination and devotion, are terms that sum up my father's life.

He was dedicated to his family, his 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He was extremely fortunate to be blessed with 2 successful marriages. First, to our mother, to whom he was married to for almost 35 years. When our mother became ill, he dedicated himself to her, for every minute of every day for the rest of her life. His love for her never ended.

He was so fortunate to meet, fall in love and marry, Jeannine. Their marriage lasted almost 20 years and, as he did with my mother, she dedicated herself to him, taking care of him until the moment of his death. Jeannine, we are eternally grateful for the love, devotion and care that you gave him. We will never forget.

He was a successful businessman. He was a young man when he went to work for Manzi Dodge, at the time a struggling car dealership. Through this determination when he left, it was a thriving business. He founded other businesses, Custom Sentry Alarms and Normandin Liquors. He brought a determination to any endeavor in which he became involved. As he was fond of saying when someone said how lucky he was, "yes, and the harder I work, the luckier I get." He was truly a lucky man.

He brought that determination and devotion to his church as well. When Frs. Hassett, Handley, O'Brien or Joyce had a problem at the Sacred Heart, one of the first people that they would seek out was Gene Normandin. Whether it was the men's club, 1000 club, or Bingo he was always there for them.

When he moved to Florida, he brought that dedication there. Whether it was serving food at a soup kitchen, clothing drives or washing dishes, he assisted the indigent migrant workers at Omoklee, Florida.

He was blessed during his life with many, many great friends, people like Kay and Pat and Armand and Connie, with whom he shared many laughs and a few tears.

It was in short, a life well lived. Dad, we will miss you.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5576) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the FY07 Transportation, Treasury,

HUD Appropriations bill. I am very pleased that included in this bill is \$4 million for the much needed Second Avenue Subway.

This worthy project will ease the incredibly overcrowded Lexington Avenue subway line, which is one of the busiest in the nation. It is unquestioned that the Second Avenue Subway will immediately benefit many tens of thousands of area residents. The 9/11 attack on New York City and the transportation restrictions imposed afterward only further magnify the importance of providing the region with an adequate mass transit system.

Just for some background on the project, construction of the full-length Second Avenue Subway has been divided into four phases, each of which will produce a minimum operating segment that will carry a significant number of passengers. The first phase of the Second Avenue Subway project will include stops at 96th, 86th and 72nd Streets, and tunnels from 99th to 62nd Streets. At 63rd Street, the subway will link onto the existing N and R tracks, providing a one-seat ride from the Upper East Side to Times Square, Wall Street and Brooklyn. When this phase is completed in 2012, 202,000 riders are expected to board the new line each day.

I am very grateful to the Committee for recognizing the importance of the Subway and thank Chairman KNOLLENBERG and Ranking Member OLVER for this essential funding. I would also like to thank the bipartisan Members of the New York delegation for their continued support of this project.

IN HONOR OF THE JUST RUN PROGRAM OF MONTEREY COUNTY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Just Run program of Monterey County that has been a collaboration of the Big Sur International Marathon as well as other local organizations.

Designed to assist school and other youth organizations in providing vital fitness programs to youth in Monterey County, Just Run is a group running program that teaches children activity, fitness principles, goal setting, and physical development with the help of teachers and parent volunteers.

This program engages local fitness and running experts, such as future Olympic runners from the Big Sur Distance Project, to work with students at free on-site clinics and serve as role models and motivators. In conjunction with running and physical activity, the program also promotes good citizenship and good deeds by emphasizing a drug-free and healthy active lifestyle. In a time when it has become so easy for children to make unhealthy choices, this program is a much needed reminder to our kids of the importance of fitness.

I also want to highlight Just Run's involvement in supporting the new initiative in Monterey County called HELP (Healthy Eating Lifestyle Principles) that works towards including more healthy fruit and vegetables in school lunch programs as well as an increased role for physical activity in school. The Central Coast is an ideal area for the implementation of this policy because of the abundance of

fresh produce cultivated within the 17th district. Students learn that eating fresh fruits and vegetables, in addition to participating in the Just Run program are both steps in the right direction to fostering a healthier lifestyle.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Just Run program and its affiliates for their outstanding work whose benefits will be reaped throughout our community.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE DELIVERY OF THE 28TH AND FINAL M31 MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY ARRESTING GEAR SYSTEM TO THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, June 15, a celebration is being held in Aston, Pennsylvania, marking the delivery of the 28th and final M31 Marine Corps Expeditionary Arresting Gear System, MCEAGS, to the United States Marine Corps.

Initial production of the Expeditionary Arresting Gear started in March of 2002 and the final delivery of the one on June 15 will provide the Marine Corps full operational capability for the Expeditionary Arresting Gear. The M31 Arresting Gear is now employed worldwide, including operations in Iraq. The great news is that the contractor, Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation, ESCO, delivered all these systems on schedule and under cost.

The M31 program is unique and a great success story. Designed and developed under an integrated product team arrangement, the Marines, NAVAIR Lakehurst and the contractor have produced equipment that demonstrated meeting Marine Corps requirements at government test facilities. Additionally, ESCO is providing all spare parts and logistics support for the system. Best of all—it works. It works very well. ESCO, in conjunction with its teammates of the M31 Integrated Product Team from NAVAIR Expeditionary Airfield Support Team at Lakehurst, NJ have been providing full logistics to the fielded M31 systems for the past 4 years. This team's support includes full system supply support, depot maintenance, continuing, engineering support and configuration management. A 5-year indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract was put in place in December 2005 to provide the above support through December 2010.

Mr. Speaker, the other great story is the teamwork between ESCO and the Naval Air Systems Command Team. The support and dedication of personnel from both NAVAIR, Lakehurst, New Jersey and Patuxent River, Maryland cannot be overemphasized. Both the military and civilian government employees have played a very active and crucial role in the development, production, fielding and support of the M31 Expeditionary Arresting Gear System.

This program is a model program for the entire Department of Defense to emulate. Congratulations to ESCO and the Naval Air Systems Command for a job "well done."